

Response to Offeror Questions

Division of Behavioral Health Responses

RFP# 1633

Question One:

Must Attachment A be completed as part of the RFP, or would this only apply if we hired a behavioral therapist or another professional on a contract basis? Or would our healthcare system be considered the consultant, and this must be completed by all applicants?

Response:

Attachment A does not need to be completed as part of the RFP. Attachment A is the contract template that will be used for those that are awarded funding as a result from the RFP, please refer to Section 2.0 Standard Agreement Terms and Conditions.

Question Two:

Section 3.5 of the Scope of Work (Integration of Behavioral Health) states: "Describe your proposed strategy for integrated behavioral health services and counselors on site and/or accredited community providers referral..." Would behavioral health counselors attached to the clinic via a telehealth platform be considered to meet the requirement for "on site"?

Response:

Section 3.6 Integration of Behavioral Health asks for the description of the proposed strategy to ensure behavioral health services and counselors are accessible to individuals identified in need of such services. If the service and provider is eligible to be delivered/provided via telehealth, then telehealth would be acceptable.

Question Three:

The Scope of Work references the table outlining the required pre-screens and screens. Are additional screenings allowed? For example, screening for trauma and social determinants of health?

Response:

Additional screenings can be incorporated at the discretion of the primary care clinic. The screening tools listed in Section 3.0 Scope of Work are required for SBIRT implementation.

Question Four:

As this contract proceeds from an underlying cooperative agreement with SAMHSA—may we be advised as to the details of the cooperative agreement? Specifically, the award number, the value of the cooperative agreement, and whether it was awarded to multiple awardees or just South Dakota Department of Social Services? What was the value of the award to South Dakota DSS?

Response:

South Dakota Department of Social Services was awarded a 5-year SBIRT Grant, Federal Award Identification Number: TI026657, for \$1,658,375 annually of the continuation of the grant. Since 2003, SAMHSA has funded 32 State Cooperative Agreements(www.samhsa.gov).

Question Five:

As there have been previous phases of the award starting from September 2016 to present, can you share the names of previous awardees and the value of their awards to date?

Response:

The South Dakota Department of Social Services currently contracts with Avera Behavioral Health Center and Brown Clinic. Contracts are public record and can be found at <https://open.sd.gov>.

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Question Six:

We are looking for clarification/detail on what the reporting activities are (section 3.8.2 states "agreement to participate in required reporting activities as requested/required by the State team").

Response:

The reporting requirements are those of SAMHSA and the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). They include de-identified screening data and basic demographic questions for each patient screened. Additional demographic questions are collected if the patient is identified for brief intervention, brief treatment or more intensive treatment services. The additional demographic questions are collected again once the identified patients complete the services